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The Government of the United States rejects on without basis in fact the assertion by the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations that the action which occurred in New York City on April 27, 1962 involving the offices of Prensa Latina occurred with the permission, tacit or express, of the United States authorities. Not only are the charges of the Cuban Mission unfounded but this Government is at a loss to understand these reckless assertions in a matter in which the United States civil authorities have demonstrated complete cooperation and assistance. Moreover, Prensa Latina officials acknowledged these efforts and expressed their appreciation for the assistance which had been provided.

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The United States Government regrets that such an incident occurred and every effort is being made to identify and apprehend those persons responsible.

The warnings given by the New York City Police Department on June 12, 1962 to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations demonstrate the interest of this Government in preventing such matters. Immediately upon learning of the possibility of an attack upon the Permanent Mission of Cuba, the New York authorities alerted responsible officers of the Permanent Mission of Cuba and offered every assistance. This safeguard continues to date despite the efforts to carry out the threat of violence. This cooperation on the part of the New York and United States Government authorities

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is in accordance with this Government's policy of assuring adequate safeguards for property of representatives and delegations to the United Nations, as well as the offices of other related functions.

As the Secretary-General is aware, the United States Government has cooperated to the fullest extent in meeting its obligations as host to the United Nations.